



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS | 2023

South Africa needs progressive leaders.
Will you be one of them?

What:

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung South Africa believes in the power of young people. It invites 25 politically engaged, aspiring and talented students from Eastern Cape Universities (Fort Hare, Rhodes, Nelson Mandela University and WSU) to the 2023 “Fort Hare Autumn School on Social Democracy and Political Economy” – a **leadership programme** supplementing the formal academic curriculum of university students. It is a unique opportunity to enhance your critical thinking, leadership qualities and knowledge on Social Democracy and Political Economy and develop networks with other progressive activists and academics. The Autumn School defines Social Democracy as the equal realisation of the fundamental values of freedom, justice and solidarity. The programme aims to enable South Africa’s next generation of socially responsible and politically active citizens and leaders who promote a better life for everyone.

The curriculum includes:

- Foundations of social democracy
- Political, economic and social theories
- South Africa’s history and political system
- Trade unions and labour relations
- Media and civil society
- Selected South African Policy Fields
- Several skills trainings
- Outings and excursions to politically, historically or culturally important places

Where and When:

The Fort Hare Autumn School consists of **three modules** that run through the year as block sessions, additional virtual engagements in between as well as a graduation ceremony in 2024. Each module looks at a specific theme.



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MODULE I:	MODULE II:	MODULE III:
“Foundations”	“South Africa’s Political System”	“Policy Fields and Skills Training”
VENUE Hogsback	VENUE Chintsa	VENUE Johannesburg
DATES 1-7 July 2023	DATES 24-29 November 2023	DATES 4-9 March 2023

How:

We apply a mix of theoretical inputs in the form of literature, videos and seminar discussions combined with innovative formats and practical group work where the students make use of the acquired theoretical knowledge to analyse, discuss and assess current South African politics and policies, also engaging international experiences.

Our methodology promotes the acceptance of controversial content. That means what is controversial in science and politics will also be presented as controversial during the seminars. Thus it will be ensured that you learn how to express your opinion, argue your cause and counter arguments. Our resource persons are reputable experts, outstanding scholars, policy practitioners and leaders in their own respective fields as well as eminent decision makers and activists. We enable the sharing of experiences and we discuss ways of successfully translating analysis into social and political projects.

Requirements:

Eligible students are those registered at the participating universities and fulfil the following selection criteria:

- South African Nationality
- 3rd year up to Masters level (any faculty)
- Not older than 35 years of age
- *Download Requirement Sheet [Here](#)*



What do you need to bring into the leadership programme?

- The utmost commitment to appreciate the programme as unique opportunity
- The willingness to read substantially
- The habit of questioning supposed truths and excitement about the chance to broaden your horizon
- The eagerness to engage with fellow students and resource persons
- The drive to make a difference and the willingness to take on responsibility
- Be outspoken, raise your voice but be a team player at the same time
- Academic merits and social responsibility (marks are important, but more important is the will to grow!)
- Experience as a leader in social activism and political contexts
- A conduct free of any forms of harassment and violence

How to apply:

Submit the following information about yourself to your **respective** university representative:

- A completed Application Form ([download here](#))
- A motivation letter or essay (max 500 words, Font: Arial 12, single spacing) telling us what kind of future leader you aspire to be, what you have to offer and what you hope to gain
- Curriculum Vitae
- Proof of registration
- Academic Record

Application via email:

Fort Hare: Ms Sakhathina Mnonopi, at smnonopi@ufh.ac.za
NMU: Ms Tozama Mnonopi, at Tozama.Mnonopi@mandela.ac.za
Rhodes: Ms Nwabisa Mkosana, at N.Mkosana@ru.ac.za
WSU: Dr Stenford Matenda, at wczhs@wsu.ac.za



Or hand-deliver it to:

Fort Hare:	Centre for Leadership Ethics in Africa, 2nd Floor, Stewart Hall, King William's Town Road, Alice
Nelson Mandela University:	Department of Research Capacity Development, Main Building, 13th Floor, Room 1314, South Campus
Rhodes:	Room 219, Main Admin Building, Drostdy Road, Rhodes University
WSU Butterworth Campus:	Lumka Jikwana, CLTD Senior Secretary, CLTD Department, Office No Sc 029, N2 Ibika, Walter Sisulu University
WSU Buffalo City Campus:	Liziwe Sbuqashe, CLTD Admin Assistant, CLTD Department, Office No. GF12, 19 Manchester Road, Chiselhurst, Walter Sisulu University
WSU Mthatha Campus:	Sisonke Kewana, CLTD Senior Secretary, CLTD Department, Nelson Mandela Drive Site, Mthatha Walter Sisulu University
WSU Queenstown Campus:	Siyanda Rondile. CLTD PAL Admin, CLTD Department, Office No D 20, Masibulele Site, Walter Sisulu University

**Deadline for Applications:
Friday, 5 May 2023!**

Late applications will unfortunately not be considered.

Interviews with short-listed students will take place at the respective universities from 22-25 May 2023!

[Watch](#) this video to learn more about Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.